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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3211

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 0095

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MZ, PO

SUBJECT: DESTROYER VISIT

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 084

(B) STATE 017861

(C) LOURENCO MARQUES 055

1. SAW HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL CRESPO AT 5 PM LOCAL TIME  
JAN 27. CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY AS OUTLINED PARA 2  
REF (B), BEGINNING BY ASKING IF CLEARANCE HAD BEEN GRANTED  
BY LISBON GOVERNMENT.

2. HIGH COMMISSIONER DID NOT ANSWER DIRECTLY BUT SAID THAT,  
WHEN HE FIRST RECEIVED WORD OF VISIT (EVIDENTLY BECAUSE OF  
PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS RE FUELING PROBLEMS), HE HAD CONSULTED  
WITH PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO. LATTER HAD EXPRESSED GRAVE  
CONCERN ABOUT VISIT WHICH HE FELT WOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE  
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PUBLICITY IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS AND WOULD BE

"MISINTERPRETED" BY "AFRICAN AND OTHER" COUNTRIES. HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD POINTED OUT THERE WERE DIFFERENT TYPE VISITS: FORMAL (DIPLOMATIC); INFORMAL AND ROUTINE. THIS WAS ROUTINE FUELING STOP AND COULD BE EXPLAINED AS SUCH. CHISSANO ALSO WAS CONCERNED THAT PRESENCE OF US SAILORS ASHORE WITH FRELIMO TROOPS IN TOWN COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED SHORE LEAVE COULD BE SEVERELY RESTRICTED. AND "SHIPS ONLY HERE FOR TWENTY FOUR HOURS".

3. WHEN I ASKED CRESPO WHERE MATTER STOOD, HE SAID HE HAD REFERRED IT BACK TO LISBON WITH TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENTS OBJECTIONS. I THEN REITERATED POINTS CONTAINED REF (B) AND ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THEM FORMALLY TO PRIME MINISTER. AS EVERY ARGUMENT OBVIOUSLY NEEDED, I ADDED THAT PLANNING FOR THIS VISIT HAD GONE QUITE FAR, THAT WE THOUGHT WE HAD CLEARANCE FOR IT AND THAT WHATEVER POLICY FRELIMO GOVERNMENT ADOPTED UPON INDEPENDENCE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THIS ROUTINE VISIT GO AHEAD. (IT NEED NOT BE THOUGHT OF AS A PRECEDENT FOR NEW GOVERNMENT BUT AS CONTINUATION OF ESTABLISHED ROUTINE). I REITERATED OUR DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY AND RESPONSIVE RELATIONS HAD NOT CHANGED AND INDEED WERE UNDER CONSTANT STUDY.

4. CRESPO ASSURED ME HE WOULD PASS ON USG VIEWS TO PRIME MINISTER. ALTHOUGH HE STATED THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GO AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S WISHES, HE LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST CHANGE ITS MIND.

5. COMMENT: I AM NOT TOO HOPEFUL, BECAUSE EVEN IF HIGH COMMISSIONER SUCCEEDS IN PERSUADING PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO, LATTER WILL HAVE TO REFER MATTER BACK TO MACHEL. WALKER

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